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SUBJECT: TCHAD AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, FORAGE AND BEEF
PRODUCTION

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1. SUBJECT PROJECT INVOLVING STURAT ROOSA, BERT KLINEBURGER
AND RUSTY GIBBONS HAS POTENTIAL TO SATISFY INTERESTS OF CHAD,
U.S. INVESTORS, AND OPIC. SEVERAL MAJOR PROBLEMS, HOWEVER,
STILL CONFRONTING PROJECT.

2. MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM AT THIS TIME IS NEED TO SECURE FUNDS
FOR FINANCING HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO PREPARE
LAND FOR PRLJECT. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED INVESTORS OF ITS BELIEF
USAID FUNDS CANNOT BE USED TO PROMOTE PRIVATE AMERICAN
INVESTMENT.

3. SECOND PROBLEM IS NEED TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH GOC
SPELLING OUT TERMS OF PROJECT OPERATIONS INCLUDING WATER AND LAND
RIGHTS AND TAX BENEFITS UNDER CHADIAN INVESTMENT CODE. PRO-
VISIONS CAN PROBABLY BE INCLUDED TO MINIMIZE ANY LATER THREAT OF
NATIONALIZATION, BUT RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH GUM ARABIC INVESTMENT
SHOWS LONG TIME MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT.

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4. THIRD PROBLEM INVOLVES SECURING BEEF EXPORT CONTRACTS. ALTHOUGH RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES IN MARCH SHOWED POTENTIAL INTEREST OF SEVERAL AFRICAN MARKETS IN BEEF FROM CHAD, NO CONTACTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORED OR SECURED TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE.

5. PROJECT SEEMS TO BE RECEIVING CONSCIENTIOUS ATTENTION FROM INVESTORS CITED PARA ONE AND COMPETENT TECHNICAL ADVICE AND INFORMATION FROM DR. OPENSHAW OF UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AND FROM ORSTOM IN CHAD. EMBASSY HAS ACTIVELY ASSISTED INVESTORS WITH INFORMATION AT ITS DISPOSAL AND BY FACILITATING CONTACTS WITH GOC OFFICIALS. NEHER

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